

REMARKS

Fees Payable

Applicants have added additional claims bringing the number of claims to twenty and the total number of claims does not exceed the number covered under the original filing of this application. As such, no fee is due for the additional claims. Applicants have also included herewith the English translation of the national phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/DE03/00848 filed on September 16, 2004 under 35 U.S.C. §371. A fee is due in the amount of \$130.00. A credit card form in the amount of \$130.00 is submitted herewith in payment of the late fee for submission of the English translation. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount necessary to the entry of this amendment, and to credit any excess payment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

Conclusion

It is requested that examination and prosecution of this application proceed on the basis of amended/added claims 1- 20 as now pending in the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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